

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Project Title:**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Talkeetna RSA #29 Upgrade Service Area Roads

State Funding Requested: \$ 30,000**House District: 15 - H**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Upgrade/maintenance of area roads

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$30,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Many roads are in need of repair and upgrading or have smaller problems that need to be fixed. This would provide funds to fix these small problems before they cause further disruption and potential danger to drivers. In addition these funds would be used to cover unexpected costs that might come from flood, downed trees, or other emergency situations.

Project Timeline:

FY09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

RSA No. 29

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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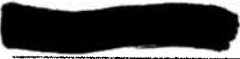
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



From: Ruth and John [jsandr@matnet.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 11:02 PM
To: Beth Schneider
Cc: George and Sandy Kogl Wagner; Cari Sayre and Dave Johnston
Subject: RSA 29 funding
Attachments: Freedom Hills priority 102307.pdf

Hi Beth, thanks for sending me the capital budget request guidelines. Instead of re-describing the project, I am attaching a letter that identifies the Freedom Hills Access as our RSA 29 number one legislative priority. The letter describes the project and addresses at least some of the points on the guideline list. Not all of the points on the checklist apply at this stage.

As I explained over the phone, Fund 294 (Freedom Hills Subdivision Road Area) was established for "maintenance and improvements" of Freedom Hills Subdivision roads, and was originally funded by a legal settlement (Transac v. MSB). Last year, the improvement (which was capital and not maintenance) work on the Freedom Hills access road was approximately \$24,000. This was originally split between Fund 294 and the RSA 29 funds. I don't know why the work was accounted for in that manner, but ultimately the funds come from Fund 294.

Although we still need to gather information on available options for a permanent solution, and have yet to have a "community" meeting on the various options, RSA 29, with this road, is in an unsustainable position as the balance in Fund 294 is gradually being depleted, with the ultimate burden falling on the RSA 29 taxpayers as a whole.

Mark suggested I ask for \$30,000, which would be very helpful, but if funds are tight, \$24,000 to replenish fund 294 from last year's capital improvements would be much appreciated.

Thank you, and please thank Mark for his help.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Beth Schneider
To: jsandr@matnet.com
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 10:50 AM

Here's the information.

Thanks for calling.

Beth Schneider

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October 23, 2007

Keith Rountree, Public Works Director
Chuck Braun, Operations and Maintenance Division Manager
Mat-Su Borough Public Works Department
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Dear Keith and Chuck:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that at its regular meeting of October 11, 2007 the RSA 29 Board designated Freedom Hills Access as our Number One legislative priority.

Although we did not attach a numerical score to the project, we did apply the various scoring criteria. Freedom Hills Access has serious safety concerns and is grossly out of compliance due to steep grade. School buses do not travel this road and emergency services are limited.

This situation is exacerbated by the fact that maintenance costs are high. This year's capital maintenance costs were \$24,000, more if one considers the recent purchase of chips as a precaution against hazardous road conditions this winter. Some of the funding comes from Fund 294; some from our RSA budget. When Fund 294 is exhausted the full financial burden will fall on the RSA. This situation is unsustainable.

It is even worse when one considers the potential for future growth in the Freedom Hills area.

We are asking for additional information in preparation for a community meeting on this issue. We are asking for a full accounting, from day one, of Fund 294 and we are asking that CIRI be contacted to determine whether they would consider an access route through their property to the south.

The project scope would include research and engineering of a route and construction of the road. We do not yet have a cost estimate.

Sincerely,



John Strassenburgh
RSA 29 Primary

Karen Sawyer

From: Michael Garner [Michael.Garner@matsugov.us]
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2008 12:13 PM
To: Sen. Charlie Huggins
Cc: Jody Simpson
Subject: RSA Road Project funding request

Karen,
Kindly forward this e-mail to the appropriate parties concerning the MSB Public Works Dept. O&M Division request on behalf of the Road Service Areas (RSA) for supplementary funding.

Funding is being requested to support road upgrades in all RSA's. Road upgrades include all work associated with: sub base & surface preparation, drainage, widening, clearing & grubbing, geotechnical, stream crossings, environmental controls, realignment, connectors, right of way & easement acquisition, survey & engineering, & dust control.

Thank You
Michael Garner

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